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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Stuart A. Fraser et al.
Application No. : 09/553,423 Confirmation No.: 3987
Filed : April 19, 2000
For : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRADING
Group Art Unit : 3628
Examiner : Harish T. Dass

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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New York, New York
July 31, 2003

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated April 22, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before August 22, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

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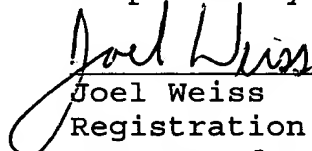
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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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